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For: A MAGNETIC TUNNEL EFFECT TYPE  
MAGNETIC HEAD HAVING A  
MAGNETIC TUNNEL JUNCTION  
ELEMENT SANDWICHED WITH  
CONDUCTIVE GAP LAYERS BETWEEN  
A PAIR OF MAGNETIC SHIELDING  
LAYERS

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RESPONSE TO MARCH 12, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

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SIR:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2003.  
Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.